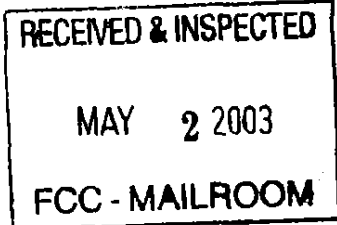


SECTION 254(e) CERTIFICATION



Date: April 24, 2003

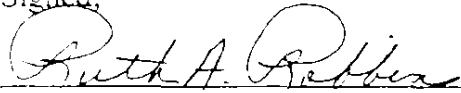
To: Irene Flannery
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 Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

This is to certify that Empire Tel Corp. ("the company"), will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below and in attachment(s) as necessary.

Signed,



Date: April 24, 2003

[name of person signing]

Ruth A. Robbins

[title of person signing]

Secretary/Treasurer

[company name] Empire Telephone Corporation
 [company address] 34 Main Street, P.O. Box 349
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Company Name	State	Study Area No.
Empire Telephone Corp.	New York	0093

If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas, and check this box:

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